

CLOSING RATES Yesterday's cotton: Liverpool cotton, 5 3/8. Memphis cotton, 5 7/8. New Orleans cotton, 5 7/8. New York cotton, 5 1/2.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SPO. OFFICER, WASHINGTON, January 13, 1879. For Tennessee and Ohio valleys, south-eastering to cooler north-west winds, partly cloudy weather with occasional rain or snow, followed by clear weather and rising barometer.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS. WAR DEPT. SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY. TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1879, 10:30 A.M. Station: Memphis, Tenn. Wind: West. Clouds: Partly cloudy. Temperature: 45. Barometer: 30.15.

The greedy money changes and speculators who, for the last two years, have been pushing Memphis to the wall through peremptory manumissions issued by the United States district court, last night laid the last straw upon the backs of this people. Eight of those contractors, who refuse to join our other creditors in accepting the compromise of the city debt, served suits of mandamus on the city, through the general council, for a total of seventy-three thousand three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eight cents. The result of this effort to squeeze blood out of a turnip will astonish many of our citizens and amaze all our creditors. The city fathers, most of whom were supposed to be opposed to surrendering the city charter, promptly and unanimously passed a resolution to that effect. We have no doubt that a majority of all classes of the people of Memphis will endorse this action, and that both houses of the legislature—before whom bills are now pending, providing for this last resort of a people made desperate by a series of calamities unparalleled in the history of the cities of the United States—will as speedily grant the relief supposed to lodge in a surrender of the name and all that it law makes Memphis. Meanwhile, the general council will not meet again, so that these manumissions can not be enforced by taxation. The APPEAL has hitherto withheld its assent to a desperate remedy for our financial distress, as the surrender of the city charter, but admonished by the manumissions served last night, it is now no other way of relief open for a surly pressed people.

There is nothing rare in politics than that Dr. Van Hook will be elected to the United States senate.

The shipments of cotton yesterday were 1362 bales; since September 1st, 137,304 bales. Sales yesterday, 2000 bales.

Zen Vance, a positive man and an old-fashioned Democrat, will succeed Merrimon as senator from North Carolina.

The Arkansas legislature met yesterday, organized, and is now ready for business. Now for the battle of the giants for the seat of Senator Davis.

Tilden, Pelton and Marble are expected to testify this week on the cipher telegrams. Tilden's explanation, it is said, will be a complete vindication of himself.

OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. The cotton crop of 1878 is estimated to be larger than the best yield of 1877, according to the report of the Bureau of Agriculture. The yield of wheat is also estimated to be larger than in any previous year.

The Little Rock Gazette says that the death of Caleb Cushing leaves Jefferson Davis the only surviving member of the national cabinet who ever assumed it.

The usual number of widowers, with their blood-curdling stories of adulterous, etc., disturbing the electoral in Louisiana, was heard before the joint committee in New Orleans yesterday.

MR. JUSTICE HUNT has requested to be relieved from the supreme bench, which will be done, with a pension, as the law directs. Stanley Matthews will be his successor beyond any doubt.

The crops of cotton yesterday aggregated 1290 bales, against 2334 bales the corresponding date last year; since September 1st, 249,281 bales, against 214,025, a difference of 35,256 bales. Stock on hand, running amount, 79,531 bales.

It is feared that the severe weather of the past two weeks has destroyed the tropical fruit crops of California, Florida and Louisiana, and brought disaster to an industry that during the past few years has proved very remunerative.

REV. MR. DE LA MATTE, recently elected to congress from Indiana, is making a tour of the south in the interest of the National party, with a view to a Presidential nomination in 1880. The success of such a scheme means the defeat of the Democratic party and another triumph for all its woe.

COLPAT, in a recent interview, said he was glad he was out of the political world, and that he had no desire to return to it, and that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, should he be thought that grant might be especially if the country in 1880 was threatened with riots of any kind.

A SPECIAL to the New Orleans Times states that there will be sixteen Nationalists in the next congress, and they expect to control the patronage of nearly all the house, as they can give either the Republican or Democrats the organization. They will probably elect Democrats for their support, at least two-thirds of the patronage of the house, amounting to three hundred thousand dollars per year.

From Mr. Henry Hotter, of the cotton exchange, we learn that the sale of cotton in this city from September 14 to January 11th, inclusive, was as follows: To exporters 125,150 bales, against 117,325 bales last season; to speculators 8775 bales, against 8570 bales. Total sales this season 133,925 bales, against 125,895 bales last season at the same time.

WASHINGTON. Burnside's Proposed Military Authority Doomed—Supreme Court Decisions—Ex-Senator Henderson to be Bayard Taylor's Successor at Berlin.

The Woman Suffragists Interview the President, who Gives them a Respectful but Evasive Reply—Funeral of Congressman Schleicher—Etc.

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